Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A document imaging background member for an imaging device, comprising a substrate having a dark color and wherein at least of portion of a surface of the substrate is coated with a fluorescent coating, wherein the fluorescent coating fluoresces or emits light in response to exposure to a light source, and wherein the fluorescent coating permits the dark color of the substrate to appear when the fluorescent coating is not exposed to a light source, and the fluorescent coating fluoresces or emits light in response to the exposure to the light source so as to appear white.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) The document imaging background member according to claim 1, wherein the substrate comprises a plastic containing a dark color pigment.

4. (Previously Presented) The document imaging background member according to claim 3, wherein the dark color pigment comprises carbon black.

5. (Previously Presented) The document imaging background member according to claim 1, wherein the fluorescent coating comprises a light-emitting polymer.

6. (Previously Presented) The document imaging background member according to claim 5, wherein the light-emitting polymer comprises a poly(p-phenylene vinylene) derivative.

7. (Previously Presented) The document imaging background member according to claim 1, wherein the fluorescent coating comprises a polymer containing a fluorescent dye, a fluorescent pigment or a light-emitting chromophor.

8. (Previously Presented) The document imaging background member according to claim 1, wherein the fluorescent coating is applied over an entire surface of the substrate.

9. (Previously Presented) The document imaging background member according to claim 1, wherein the substrate includes therein a regular pattern of white color spots.

10. (Currently Amended) An imaging device including an exposure station comprising a platen having a surface upon which an original document may be placed, a light source located on a side of the platen opposite the surface upon which the original document may be placed, and a platen cover adjacent the surface of the platen upon which the original document may be placed, and wherein the platen cover comprises a substrate having a surface facing the surface of the platen upon which the original document may be placed, at least of portion of the substrate surface being coated with a fluorescent coating, wherein the platen cover substrate has a dark color, ~~and~~ wherein the fluorescent coating fluoresces or emits light in response to exposure to a light source, and wherein the fluorescent coating permits the dark color of the substrate to appear when the fluorescent coating is not exposed to a light source, and the fluorescent coating fluoresces or emits light in response to the exposure to the light source so as to appear white.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The imaging device according to claim 21, wherein the substrate comprises a plastic containing a dark color pigment.

14. (Previously Presented) The imaging device according to claim 13, wherein the dark color pigment comprises carbon black.

15. (Previously Presented) The imaging device according to claim 21, wherein the fluorescent coating comprises a light-emitting polymer.

16. (Previously Presented) The imaging device according to claim 15, wherein the light-emitting polymer comprises a poly(p-phenylene vinylene) derivative.

17. (Previously Presented) The imaging device according to claim 21, wherein the fluorescent coating comprises a polymer containing a fluorescent dye, a fluorescent pigment or a light-emitting chromophor.

18. (Previously Presented) The imaging device according to claim 21, wherein the fluorescent coating is applied over an entire surface of the substrate.

19. (Previously Presented) The imaging device according to claim 21, wherein the substrate includes therein a regular pattern of white color spots.

20. (Previously Presented) The imaging device according to claim 21, wherein the device further includes a photoreceptor upon which is to be formed an electrostatic latent image and one or more developing stations where the electrostatic latent image is developed.

21. (Currently Amended) An imaging device including an exposure station comprising a light source located at position where an original document is located during imaging, and a document imaging background member located opposite the light source and permitting the original document to be located between the light source and the document imaging background member during imaging, and wherein the document imaging background member comprises a substrate having a dark color and wherein at least a portion of a surface of the substrate facing the light source is coated with a fluorescent coating, ~~and~~ wherein the fluorescent coating fluoresces or emits light in response to exposure to a light source, and wherein the fluorescent coating permits the dark color of the substrate to appear when the fluorescent coating is not exposed to a light source, and the fluorescent coating fluoresces or emits light in response to the exposure to the light source so as to appear white.

22. (Previously Presented) A document imaging background member according to claim 21, wherein the document imaging background member is a platen cover.

23. (Previously Presented) A document imaging background member according to claim 1, wherein the document imaging background member is a platen cover.